



August A. **Busch** Memorial Conservation Area
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Rockwoods Reservation



Making Tracks

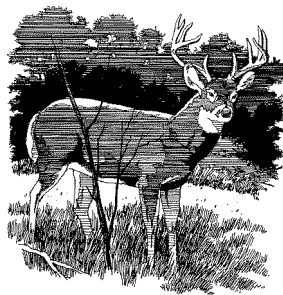
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As you sat in your favorite deer stand on the last day of the 1999 Missouri firearms deer season, you could only imagine the size of the buck that had been thrashing the large cedars along the creek. You hunted hard and didn't even get a glimpse of the ghost-like buck that made his home in your creek bottom. As darkness grew, you climbed from your deer stand and made your way toward camp. It was then that you made a pact with yourself that next deer season would be different.

With the mild winter, you knew the rut-worn buck would have survived. You put in numerous hours of scouting and glassing nearby fields throughout the spring and summer. Then on a cool October morning, you make your way into the creek bottom for one last safety check on your tree stand. On the way to your tree stand, you notice a dozen or more rubs on fencepost-size cedar trees. Some of the trees were the same ones that were worked over last year. Further investigation shows that the creek bottom is trampled with big buck sign. With deer season less than four weeks away, you constantly catch yourself daydreaming about harvesting a trophy deer.

Finally, after much excitement and anticipation, opening day arrives. The alarm clock rings at 4:30 a.m., but you've been awake tossing and turning for nearly three hours. After a quick cup of coffee and a good luck gesture to the rest of the hunters in your



camp, you head for your creek bottom stand. You arrive at your deer stand 30 minutes before legal shooting time, but by the time you get settled in, it is already beginning to get light.

Almost two hours have gone by before you get your first glimpse of a deer. The adult doe is acting nervous as she keeps glancing back in the direction from where she had come. Then all of a sudden, you catch some movement from the same direction. Immediately, you see a large buck heading toward the doe. With his nose to the ground, like a champion bird dog, the buck is following the same trail that the doe had walked, bringing him within 20 yards of your tree stand. You think to yourself that a shot at this range with your rifle will be a given. Seconds later, the buck steps into an opening and begins to check his scrape. You ease your trusty 30-06 into place and settle the cross hairs behind the shoulder. You take your safety off and slowly squeeze the trigger. The massive buck whirls around and disappears into the thicket. You sit in your stand in disbelief that

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

*by Scott G. Criley,
Busch Training Center Supervisor*

you have just blown the simplest of shots at a once-in-a-lifetime buck. You climb down out of your stand only to confirm the shot was a complete miss. You ask yourself, "How did this happen?"

The lesson to learn here is know your firearm. You spent the whole year preparing for the hunt, but didn't bother visiting a rifle range. It is a must, not only to make sure your firearm is sighted-in, but to practice with your firearm as well. Don't wait until the week before deer season to visit the range. This not only will leave you with minimal time to practice, but most ranges this time of year can have a lengthy wait.

The Missouri Department of Conservation has two ranges in the St. Louis Region. For more information, contact the August A. Busch Memorial Shooting Range in St. Charles County at (636) 441-4554 ext. 251 or contact the Jay Henges Shooting Range and Training Center located in St. Louis County at (636) 938-9548.



News from

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

I-270/I-44 INTERCHANGE PLANTING REPORT

by Tamie Yegge, Nature Center Manager

You may recall last December a team of more than 50 volunteers converged on the north and south sides of the I-270/I-44 interchange to plant Missouri native grass and forb seed. The native seed was mixed with an annual rye grass which was meant to quickly sprout, grow, and protect the soil from erosion while the native seedlings developed. The goals of the project were to re-establish a remnant of our past and to reduce the amount of fescue along the roadways, therefore, reducing the amount of mowing required by Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) crews. Eventually, we'll see there a beautiful, flowing field of tall grasses interspersed with the subtle beauty of native wildflowers.

This has worked very well, although you probably won't notice much on those sites for another year or so. On May 1, 2000, a team went to the site to check its progress. Despite drought conditions, a number of desirable seedlings were found amongst the rye including: Pale Purple Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan, Blazing Star, Beard Tongue, Compass Plant, Prairie Dock, Aster, and Bee Balm. Many

of the grasses sown were popping up as well, including Big and Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, and Switch Grass. The team determined that the rye was competing with the natives for sunlight. Therefore, MODOT was asked to include the sites in their regular mowing schedule this year. Regular mowing won't affect the native species, as they are putting energy into establishing a root system this year.

In each successive year, we'll be able to reduce mowing to once a year and look forward to a whole season of a colorful, scenic drive through the interchange. To learn more about using Missouri native plants to enhance your yard or garden, contact Powder Valley Nature Center or the Shaw Arboretum of the Missouri Botanical Garden.



This animal is unique because it is the sole representative of the marsupial group. Other members of this group live mostly in Australia. The females typically have a prominent marsupium, or pouch, on the belly where the young are carried and nourished after birth.



What Is It?

RESIDENT ARTISANS

Making Paper with Connie Silver-Friedl

Workshops:

Saturday, August 5

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

& 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 6

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

& 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

(Ages 6 and up) Stop! Don't throw that paper away!



Learn how to recycle your scrap paper by turning it into treasures with artist Connie Silver-Friedl. She will demonstrate how to turn used paper into art paper. You will be thrilled with the simple beauty of this craft while helping the environment, too! There will be a demonstration in the lobby between and after workshops until 5:00 p.m.

(Reservations for workshops begin July 25.)

Sketching and Painting with Virginia Dragschutz

Saturday, August 12

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

& 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

(Ages 6 and up) There is no better way to share nature with your child than to learn how to sketch and paint flowers and animals. Virginia Dragschutz will share with you and your family the joy of nature through an artist's eye. Join her and bring out the artist in you! (Reservations begin August 1.)



11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 301 - 1500

LOCATION: From I-44 east in Kirkwood, take Watson Road, exit and turn north on Geyer Road. Follow Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go one mile west on Cragwold Road.

AREA HOURS:

Daylight Savings Time:
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central
Standard Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NATURE CENTER

HOURS: Open all year, 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Open all year, 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ABOUT THE AREA:

112 acres of forestland and winding creeks, three hiking trails (one wheelchair accessible). Open to visitors free of charge.

SPECIAL OFFER

Every Wednesday is
Seniors' Day
in August!

Seniors, 55 or older, will get **15%** off any purchase at the Powder Valley Gift Shop every Wednesday this month!

This offer is not available with other discounts.

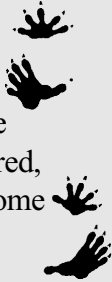
News from Rockwoods Reservation

Night Sounds of Summer

by Tom Meister,
Interpretive
Programs
Supervisor



This mammal lives throughout Missouri. Its home is any place that is dry, sheltered, and safe. Their home sites are dens or nests of other animals, trash heaps, brush piles, and hollow trees.



Of all the sounds of nature, the magical voices of the night fascinate us beyond compare. Who has not been moved by the distant hoot of owls, the chorus of frogs, the deafening trills of insects, or the sudden snorts, grunts, howls, and whines made by mammals and other creatures of the night?

Much of our fear and fascination comes from the fact that animals active at night are difficult to see. We are excited by their incredible sounds, but only with difficulty can we identify the sound makers. When mysterious sounds spring forth unexpectedly from the darkness, our imaginations run wild. Unidentified creature sounds transform into ghostly utterances and soon our hearts are pounding in fearful anticipation.



How do we face our fears? We learn about those things we fear. One way to do this is to attend one of our programs, Night Sounds of Summer, this month. You will learn to recognize and identify an amazing variety of night sounds. Your appreciation will increase as you learn the interesting stories behind the sounds and acquire the ability to associate images with the sounds themselves. As your knowledge expands, your excitement will grow and your night sound experience will soon become one of pleasure instead of fear.

We will have a special exhibit, Night Sounds at Rockwoods Reservation, during the month of August, as well as special programs. So come on out and enjoy the Night Sounds of Summer!



2751 Glencoe Road
Wildwood, MO 63038
(636) 458 - 2236

LOCATION:

From I-44, take Hwy 109 (Eureka exit) north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs. *From Hwy 40 (I-64)*, take Clarkson Road south to Manchester Road; right (west) on Manchester to Hwy 109; left (south) on Highway 109, 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs. *From Manchester Road*, take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs.

AREA HOURS: Sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS:

Open seven days a week all year, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ABOUT THE AREA:

All facilities are free to the public including:

- ★ Education Center with exhibits and interpretive programs.
- ★ 1,898 acres of rugged, mostly hardwood forested land interspersed with springs and streams.
- ★ Two picnic areas (one with charcoal grills) with drinking water, tables, and toilets.
- ★ Seven trails (one is self-guided and wheelchair accessible) totaling more than 10 miles.
- ★ A crawl cave and a pond.
- ★ Evidence of old mining operations.

AUGUST NATURAL EVENTS

- ◆ Badgers begin breeding through September; they are more active during the day.
- ◆ Sumac fruits ripen to crimson.
- ◆ Young striped skunks strike out on their own.
- ◆ Toadlets move away from water to feed.
- ◆ Goldfinches begin nesting as thistles go to seed.
- ◆ Baby bats begin flying.
- ◆ Striped bass and walleye head for cold water.
- ◆ Hummingbirds begin migrating; numbers around feeders increase.
- ◆ With nesting completed, herons and egrets disperse.
- ◆ Male white-tailed deer rub velvet off their antlers; watch for their "rubs" on small trees.



Wildflowers in Bloom

- ★ Aster
- ★ Sunflower
- ★ Evening primrose
- ★ Yarrow
- ★ Chicory
- ★ Compass plant
- ★ St. John's-wort
- ★ Blazing star



How to register for an

AUGUST

Program

Reservations are required unless otherwise specified. Reservations will be taken Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Programs are intended for individuals and families only. Groups may inquire for separate programs. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel your reservation as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. **Please be prompt. Arrival after 10 minutes may exclude you from the program.** Interpreting services are available for people with hearing loss with five days advanced notice.

Rockwoods

For reservations, call (636) 458 - 2236

9 Night Sounds

Wednesday 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
(All Ages) Join us around the campfire as we investigate the sounds of summer. As your knowledge expands, your night sound experience will soon become one of pleasure instead of fear. (Reservations begin July 31.)

10 Prairie Parade

Thursday 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
(Ages 8 - 14) Discover some of the wildlife and plants the pioneers and Native Americans encountered in Missouri. Please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin July 31.)

23 Toddling Into Nature: Frogs and Friends

*Wednesday 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
& 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.*
(Ages 3 - 6) We will investigate the frogs, toads, and salamanders of Missouri and make an amphibian craft to take home. Please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin August 7.)



26 Touché Turtles

Saturday 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
(All Ages) Discover interesting facts about

Busch Area

For reservations, call (636) 441 - 4554

Unless otherwise specified, all programs are one hour in length.

CONSERVATION FRONTIERS MEETING

*Monday, August 7
7:00 p.m.*

(Ages 7 - 18) Come and find out how to become a member of the Missouri Conservation Frontiers. No reservations are required.



5 Beginning Archery

Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
(Ages 7 - 12) Learn archery safety. Participants will learn how to select bows and arrows to fit and the basics of shooting archery. Equipment will be provided. Participants may bring their own equipment (no broad heads). Meet at the Busch Archery Range. (Reservations begin July 21.)

8 Pond Exploration

Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
(Ages 7 - 12) What lives in a pond? Come and search the pond muck for animal life. We will discover together! Please wear clothes you can get dirty. (Reservations begin July 25.)

9 Ladybugs

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
(Ages 3 - 6) Learn all about those lucky ladybugs and make some fun "stuff" to take home. (Reservations begin July 26.)



Powder Valley

For reservations, call (314) 301 - 1500
Please limit requests to two programs per month, with only one to include an Age 3 - 6 program.

5 & 26 Missouri's Mid-Sized Mammals

Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(Ages 7 - 12) Learn about mammals the fun way. We'll spend a little time in the classroom and the rest outdoors. Please bring a sack lunch with drink and dress for the weather.
(Reservations begin July 25 and August 15 respectively.)



8 Discovery Table - What Do Reptiles Do in Mid-Summer?

*Tuesday 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
& 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*
(All Ages) Where do reptiles go to cool off? Find out! (No reservations required.)

9 August Hike on Hickory Ridge Trail

Wednesday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
(Adults) Look for butterflies and any other critters that might be visible in the woods. (Reservations begin July 26.)

12 & 19 Identification of Common Missouri Trees

Saturday 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
(Adults) We will walk one of the trails to identify common trees and discuss their uses. (Reservations begin August 1 and August 8)

Missouri box turtles. You will see live turtles and go on a turtle hike, weather permitting.

(Reservations begin August 14.)

26 Bat House

Saturday 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

(All Ages) Learn about bats and then construct a home for them. Please bring a hammer and a power drill/driver.

(Reservations begin August 14.)

29 Night Sounds

Tuesday 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

(All Ages) Discover some of the wildlife and plants the pioneers and Native Americans encountered in Missouri. Please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin August 14.)



WEDNESDAYS OUTDOOR SKILLS

2 Survival Skills

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

(Ages 8 - 14) Learn how to survive in the wilderness. We will make a mini-survival kit to take home. (Reservations begin July 17.)

9 Orienteering

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

(Ages 8 - 14) Learn to use a map and compass and try your skills on our compass course challenge.

(Reservations begin July 24.)

16 Poisonous Things

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

(Ages 8 - 14) Learn to identify those things in the outdoors that are poisonous. Please dress for the weather.

(Reservations begin July 31.)



11 Missouri's Prehistoric Animals

Friday 10:00 a.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) Learn about the prehistoric animals that roamed across Missouri. (Reservations begin July 28.)

12 Prairie Hike

Saturday 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

(Families) Take a morning hike on the prairie to examine the plant life. This hike is not suitable for strollers. Please wear hiking shoes and protection against ticks and chiggers.

(Reservations begin July 28.)

15 Spider Sniff

Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

(Families) You've never been spider sniffing? Well, here's your chance! Come join us as we uncover the mystery behind spiders and their kin. Please bring a flashlight.

(Reservations begin August 1.)



17 Mammal Mania

Thursday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) How many kinds of mammals are there? What makes them alike? Different? Unique? We learn all about mammals in this program. Each participant should bring a picture of their favorite mammal labeled with the participant's name. Please bring a clean white T-shirt. (Reservations begin August 3.)

19 Lewis and Clark Hike

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Adults) We will hike the Lewis and Clark Trail at the Weldon Spring Conservation Area. This is a 5.3-mile rugged trail. Please bring water and your lunch. Meet at the trail head.

(Reservations begin August 4.)

24 Beetle Mania

Thursday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 7 - 12) It'sssss the beetles! Have fun learning about some "famous" beetles. (Reservations begin August 10.)

29 Stream Exploration

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

(Families) We will explore a Missouri stream. Participants will search for aquatic animals, learn how to identify them, and then release them. Please wear wading shoes and clothes you can get wet.

(Reservations begin August 15.)

respectively.)

22 Hooray for Herps

*Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
& 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.*

(Ages 7 - 12) Discover the differences between amphibians and reptiles through lecture and observation.

(Reservations begin August 8.)

23 August Hike on Broken Ridge Trail

Wednesday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

(Adults) It doesn't cost anything to look at and enjoy nature. Try it!

(Reservations begin August 9.)

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Historic Crafts & Skills

Friday, August 18

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.



See page 8 for details.

FREE NATURE FILMS

Free movies are shown every Saturday and Sunday. Children's films are shown 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Older audiences can enjoy films 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Call for titles.

News from **Busch** Memorial Conservation Area



*Join the newest chapter of the
Missouri Conservation Frontiers*

Come and join in the fun by becoming a member of the Missouri Conservation Frontiers. This program consists of a series of outdoor activities geared to teach 7-to-18-year-olds about the conservation of our natural resources. The program is for everyone; however, this Frontiers program is for 7-to-18-year-olds.

Frontier activities could be something simple from a scavenger hunt or animal identification to something more elaborate like a camping trip. These activities can be completed as a group at the monthly meetings or done on your own as a family. By completing these activities, you can accumulate points and earn

cool prizes.

If this sounds like fun, come to our first meeting and learn more about the Frontiers program. The first meeting will be held at the Busch Conservation Area on Monday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Shanna Beck at (636) 441-4554 ext. 327.

--Shanna Beck, Naturalist



Nature Notes



WEEDS

Most of us have no trouble spotting weeds in our flower beds or lawns.

Weeds are among the most successful plants on earth. They make hundreds, even thousands of seeds that are easily moved into new areas by wind, water, and animals. This allows weeds to spread quickly and continually reinvade areas where soil or vegetation have been disturbed. Weeds can also spread from underground stems that send up new shoots. Some even produce chemicals that prevent other kinds of plants from growing near them. Many weeds were brought to this country from Europe and Asia. Here, they were no longer controlled by the insects and diseases of their native lands.

Weeds colonize areas that have been cleared or disturbed by plowing, flooding, bulldozing, or other forces. In a forest, when disturbed areas are left alone, weeds are soon replaced by shade-producing trees. The trees eventually make the areas less suitable for most weeds. We battle with weeds as we try to maintain open areas against revegetation. Weeds easily invade our vegetable gardens, lawns, and flower beds.



POND SCUM

A pond covered with scum is not as attractive as a clear pond and excess pond scum can interfere with fishing. Still, algae has its place in a pond and is even beneficial.

Pond scum is really filamentous algae. Under a microscope, it looks like a series of barrel-shaped cells connected end to end. These cells form long filaments that resemble fine strands of spaghetti. As a green plant, algae can trap the sun's energy and make it available to other pond life.

Filamentous algae is home for many tiny plants and animals. If you pick up a handful and look carefully, you'll see it's teaming with life that helps support the pond food chain, including the fish you might want to catch. Algae, a base of the food chain, benefits your pond.

Problems with filamentous algae are seasonal. One or more algae species may grow rapidly in a pond, but they usually decline with different temperatures or water conditions. Large amounts of pond scum, which remain year-round probably mean the pond is too rich in nitrates and phosphates. If you have problems with filamentous algae, contact MDC for guidance.



**2360 Highway D
St. Charles, MO 63304
(636) 441 - 4554**

LOCATION:

From Hwy 40, take 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 3 miles.

From I-70, take 94/First Capitol exit; turn south on Hwy 94 to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 3 miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D.

HOURS: Area is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. April 1 through September 30. See area regulations for special hunt hours. Fishing hours are 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. and rental boats are available April 1 through September 30. Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ABOUT THE AREA: 6,987 acres with 32 lakes and 40 ponds totaling 526 acres of water for fishing. There are six viewing blinds (two are wheelchair accessible), seven hiking trails totaling 5 miles, picnic area, staffed firearms range, and fishing jetties (some are wheelchair accessible). The area has interpretive programs, exhibits, demonstration sites, and is used by bicyclists.



This mammal is well adapted for climbing. A toe on the hind foot assists in holding



onto small branches. It can support itself for short periods entirely by its tail.

What Is It?

Local News & Events

CONSERVATION EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS: WET, WILD, AND LEARNING TREE

August 1 - 3 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Busch Conservation Area

Credit: One hour graduate, Lindenwood University

For more information, call (636) 441-4554

SHOW-ME CLASSROOMS

September 25 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Rockwoods Reservation

Credit: None

For more information, call (636) 458-2236

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM SEMINAR

September 26 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Teacher Resource Center

Credit: None

For more information, call (314) 231-3803

Explore Soulard's Outdoor Teacher

by Liz Lyons, Education Consultant

The Outdoor Teacher, a teacher and youth leader resource center near downtown Saint Louis, offers materials and ideas that can help you enrich virtually any outdoor activity with kids.

Located at the corner of 12th Street and Allen in the historic Soulard neighborhood, the resource center is packed with tons of exciting conservation lesson plans, books, and videos. Our Discovery Kits and Trunks include activities, arts materials, pelts, skulls, and complete teaching sets for teachers and youth leaders to use FREE!

Educational materials are organized into four subject areas: wildlife, forests and plants, aquatics, and recreation. Select a topic and our staff will help you find the information you need. Our materials can be checked out by teachers and youth leaders for up to two weeks without a deposit.

The center is also an outpost for other Missouri Department of Conservation activities. You can get fishing and hunting licenses and the gift shop offers many unique items for the nature lover. Check out copies of the Department's award-winning "Missouri Outdoors" television show or pick up an atlas showing every main road and back road in the state, as well as nearby conservation areas. Free Department publications are also available.

The Outdoor Teacher is open from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. On September 7 and 8, teachers and youth leaders are invited to visit the center from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for our informal open house. We will have refreshments, door prizes, and tours of the center. Come down and bring a friend along.

For directions, information, or to RSVP for the open house, call (314) 231-3803.



Busch Range

Hours for August 2000:

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday - Monday

10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

For more information,

call (636) 441 - 4554 ext. 251



Henges Range

Hours for August 2000:

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday

Closed Monday, Tuesday,

Special Events & Holidays

For more information,

call (636) 938 - 9548

Visit us on the Internet:
www.conservation.state.mo.us

Answer to "What Is It?"



Opossum
(*Didelphis virginiana*)



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Missouri Department of Conservation

11715 Cragwold Road

Kirkwood, MO 63122

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Come celebrate your
outdoor heritage at Powder Valley!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Historic Crafts & Skills

Friday, August 18

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

You may enjoy outdoor skills such as hunting, trapping, canoeing, fishing, or backpacking as recreation, but did you ever think about using those skills for survival? Join us for Friday Night Live "Historic Crafts & Skills" to celebrate our ancestors' independence, courage, and self-reliance that helped put St. Louis on the map.

Visit our Mountain Man Camp and Indian Village to learn new crafts and skills, then trade your knowledge for prizes and food at our Trading Post. There will be live music, games, and hands-on crafts to make and take home as souvenirs. Bring the family and join us! No reservations are required. For more details, call (314) 301-1500.

Volunteer

Milestones

Busch Conservation Area

Karen Hencel.....1,500 hours
Rhonda Husack.....400 hours
Fred Immen.....200 hours
Margaret McGregor.....200 hours
Jeanie Moe.....200 hours
Dot Niemeyer.....1,500 hours
Alice Ortner.....500 hours
George Pryor.....1,600 hours
Doug Robb.....400 hours
Mary Smith.....1,500 hours
Marv Staloch.....1,000 hours

Rockwoods Reservation

Jan Castanis.....400 hours
Sheila Mapes.....200 hours
Richard Mehringer.....1,300 hours
Jerry Rinaldi.....1,100 hours
George Triplett.....1,700 hours



*Thanks for all your
effort and help!*

Powder Valley Nature Center

Alison Hansma.....5,300 hours
Joy Moll.....1,100 hours
Tom O'Gorman.....2,000 hours
Art Paule.....2,900 hours
Joseph Schleeper.....500 hours
Dick Wasson.....2,900 hours
Neva Wasson.....2,900 hours
Rosemary Witte.....1,900 hours